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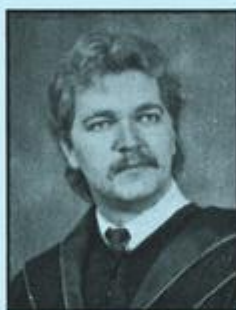


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Alumni Active in Winnipeg Ministry

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Welcome to Winnipeg, home of the Jets and the deep freeze. Winnipeg is also home to a growing number of Redeemer Alumni, not all of whom are originally from Friendly Manitoba. What draws people to the Red River Valley? For Jim (88) and Anita (86) Broekema and Peter (88) and Cindy Tuininga, similar paths have led them from South-western Ontario to similar callings under the gaze of the Golden Boy (see a picture of the Manitoba Legislature for an explanation).



Pete Tuininga

The Tuingas and the Broekemas were

drawn to Winnipeg by their desire to spread the Gospel. Both Pete and Jim are graduates of Redeemer's pre-

seminary programme, and both attended Calvin Seminary. Both couples applied for Home Missions with the Christian Reformed Church upon completing seminary. Now both couples are involved in church planting in the Winnipeg area.

For Pete and Cindy this choice to enter Home Missions would change their understanding of ministry. At first, Pete was going to be at the helm. The

excitement of coming to Winnipeg revolved around Pete as the "primary church planter." But as the months

progressed, Cindy found herself becoming very interested in the process of church planting. Cindy said that in January of 1992, "God started to convict both of us that we should work as a team." Cindy stated that she was personally struck by the great commission in Matthew 28: "Therefore go and make disciples... baptizing them...teaching

them to obey everything I have commanded you." Cindy and Pete often look back to this passage and think of what they are to do for others.

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Farewell to the Chief

As you know, Rev. De Bolster is retiring this summer. Not only is he the College's founding president; for many alumni, especially those who were students in the early years, Rev. De Bolster is Redeemer College. The next issue of Images will look back at Rev. De Bolster's work during the College's first 12 years.

Over 1000 students have studied at Redeemer College during Rev. De

Bolster's tenure, and probably every one has his or her own impression of the president. As part of our look back, we would like to include your impressions. What is your favourite story about the president? What memories do you have of Rev. De Bolster? Please send your marvellous anecdotes and Presidential insights to the Editor of Images at the address below before June 15, 1994.



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The Editor's

If anyone needed any proof that academia is completely unrelated to the "real world", the month of April can supply all the corroborative evidence. While the rest of the world joyfully frolics outdoors, basking in the sun's renewed vigour, the university community barricades itself inside study carrels and professorial offices, feeling more and more like prisoners of their ivory towers (education as a liberating experience?). Likewise, as the rest of the world hails a season that is symbolic of fresh beginnings and new openings, the university celebrates closure and finality with triumphant joy.

In his short story, "Trying to Save Piggy Sneed," John Irving explains how he became a writer. As a boy, Irving and his childhood chums would torment and tease the mentally handicapped garbage collector Piggy Sneed as he made his rounds in Irving's neighbourhood. One night,



Workbench

when fire sweeps through the hovel that Mr. Sneed shares with his 14 pigs, Irving's imagination takes over. He invents a story for Piggy Sneed, a long history which creates an opening for Piggy's escape from the deadly

fire. However, no matter how well the story is revised, the morning's evidence refutes the author's story. Irving is left with only his memory of the people and events, recollections which are not always accurate:

"A fiction writer's memory is an especially imperfect provider of detail; we can always imagine a better detail than the one we can remember. The correct detail is rarely exactly what happened; the most truthful detail is what could have happened, or what should have..."

The past is one of, (but definitely not the only) thing which binds alumni together as community. We share experiences, and we often tell stories of these experiences. It is easy for us to use

stories to create a past that is more suited to our own ends (historians call it revisionism). We imagine the details of the past, as Mr. Irving suggests, for our own purposes: "If I could have invented well enough—if I could have made up something truthful enough—... I could have (in some sense) saved Piggy Sneed."

As Christians, the stories we tell have a far greater purpose:

I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden from of old...

things we have heard and known,
things our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;

we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalm 78:2-4

Tell your stories of the past, recount your tales of Redeemer College, but please do not forget to give credit to the Author. ○

Winnipeg Ministry (cont'd from p.1)

Since that January, Pete and Cindy feel they have been stretched in their perception of what church is and how they see a church impacting on a community. The name that was given to this new church, *Step by Step*, was chosen by the community with which Pete and Cindy are involved. Cindy communicates her sense of the growth that they have experienced in this new setting, "We are growing in our understanding of what it means to have authentic compassion for those who have not had the opportunity to investigate Christianity. We grieve for those who believe in the false conception of what church is and who God is. This continually brings us to our knees

communicating with God, the one who knows the heart of each person and therefore knows how a person can be reached."

Today, *Step by Step* has about twenty active participants, with attendance anywhere from thirty to sixty people on the average Sunday.

There is another new church in Winnipeg, known as West Winnipeg Community Church. This Home Missions church is led by the Broekemas, Jim and Anita. West Winnipeg Community Church celebrated its opening on September first last year. Christ is working through this Church

as well. The goal of the West Winnipeg Church is to encourage people through large and small group settings as they come to Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. In both these churches the central elements to ministry are the services and the small group ministry.

Both the Tuiningas and the Broekemas speak of their ministries as family endeavours for the Lord. They ask that we continue to pray for them as they seek to follow God in the ministry in which he has placed them. They ask that God continue to send them the strength and resources to reach those not committed to Christ.

YESTERYEAR—November, 1984

This is the first of a series of columns that looks back on Redeemer's history through its own publications and archive materials. With each issue of Images we hope to look at one month and see just how much some things change, and how much some things stay the same. As usual, your comments and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

In the "real world," Brian Mulroney's Tories took office, interest rates were starting to rise, and the world was becoming aware of the drought in Ethiopia.

From the daily announcement sheet, Time Out, Eh!:

November 5: Ladders are still available. If you still need one, please pick it up in the Student Affairs Office. You have until Wednesday to get one.

November 6: Whoever borrowed Hoogie's ladder, please return it.

November 13: There will NOT be a Catechism class today.

November 16: A SECOND morning bus run will start on Monday. The bus will leave the Francis Rd. dorms at 8:50 am.

November 20: Would the person who felt it necessary to take some yogurt as it was being delivered please return it to the Student Affairs Office.

November 21: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Thank you for returning the yogurt. It is much appreciated.

November 22: IF THE SMOKING ROOM is not kept cleaner the room will be closed for 3 days. There is no need for cigarette butts on the floor and cups all over the place.

November 26: ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ALWAYS show

their bus pass, whether it be a weekly or semester pass, as they enter the bus or vans.

November 27: FEMALE STUDENTS are reminded that there are two Women's washrooms in the classroom wing of the school. Toilet paper and paper towels will not be refilled during the day.

In late October, the CROWN, edited by Harry Zantingh (86), published its first issue of the year. Some of the highlights included:

Farewell Wilma and Jan. This, the lead article, was a feature on Jan and Wilma

Hoogendoorn, who were leaving Redeemer to return to the Netherlands. Wilma worked in the Student Affairs Office, and Jan was an accountant for the College.

New Tuition Schedule Presented. The process and problems of initiating a new way of paying for Redeemer, using work grants, correspondence grants and tax credits.

Burlington CRC and Redeemer. A majority of Redeemer students went to the New St. church; the article examined some of the difficulties that arose

between the church and the students.

Edgar Hielema (x86) wrote the following after seeing Wayne Roorda (x86) imitating Rodin's "The Thinker" (there is a really good photograph that goes with this article, but the quality makes it unreproducible; Ed.):

Statues and Other Jobs. I never knew that we had such a nice statue in front of our College. In fact, I never knew that we had a statue in front of our College. Wait ... statues don't have real hair ... and they don't have tan lines either! No ... no, I don't believe it. That is not a statue, that's Wayne Roorda. What's he doing there? ... Oh, now I know! He's been hired by the school to be a statue between classes—not a bad way to earn 1600 bucks and pretty ingenious of the administration too. Wayne gets the job he needs and the College gets a statue that looks nice (even if they don't need it). Besides, now a statue supervisor can be hired to supervise the statue, and that takes care of another employment grant...



Ken Benjamins (88) practices for the Banting House Boys



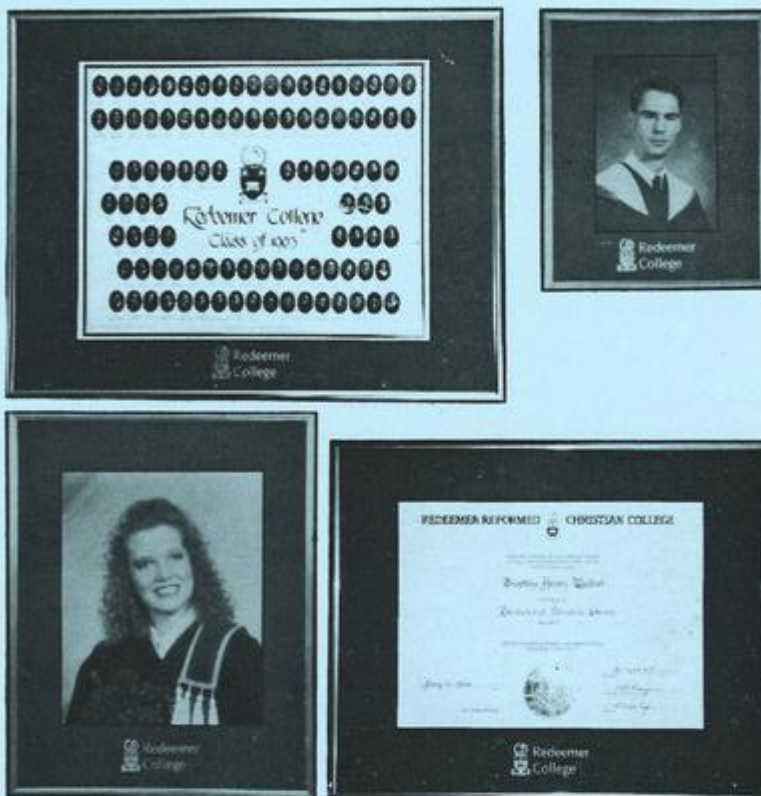
Mary (Mom) Verrips takes a break to offer a smile and a word of encouragement.

Display Your Degree With Pride

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Eikon

Eikon is the Redeemer alumni Association's forum for creative writing. Alumni are encouraged to submit personal works of poetry, prose and essays for publication to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

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—T. DAVID VANBELLE

T. David VanBelle (93) is currently the Publications Officer at Redeemer College. He will be pursuing a graduate degree in Drama this fall.

Casting Call

Eh JJ, a television variety show being shown on "Vision TV", is looking for help, hopefully from Redeemer graduates. Featured in the February 21, 1994 issue of *The Banner*, the show has two purposes:

- 1) to demonstrate how fun and exciting a Christian way of life can be, and
- 2) to show that someone with intelligence and logic can believe that Christianity is true.

The show's producer and director, Mr. Jerry Jonkheer is looking for scriptwrit-

ers and performers (actors, dancers, musicians, singers). These are paid, part-time positions. Interested parties should send a resumé to:

The Eh JJ Show
6061 Yonge Street, Suite 504
Toronto, ON
M2M 3W4

Writers are asked to include something they have written; performers are asked to include their photograph. You can get more information by calling Mr. Jonkheer at (416) 733-1799.

Attention Class of '93

As you may remember, at last year's Commencement ceremonies there was a film crew recording for a Back to God Hour production. The videotapes produced include interviews with some grads, parents of grads, alumni, and a professor.

The parents of one of last year's graduates is offering to make the videotape available to anyone who is interested. The tapes are professional quality of the raw, unedited footage that was shot by the crew that day.

The footage will be on one VHS tape and can be purchased in either:

- 1) the raw, unedited footage as provided by the production company, or
- 2) an edited version that will be a little more organized and cohesive.

The tapes would cost approx. \$20 (\$25 for the edited version). Part of the cost will depend on how many people are interested in the tape. Although orders are not being taken right now, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office if you are interested in this offer.

Annual Alumni Day at Redeemer College

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 1994 starting at 2:00 pm

WHERE: All around the multi-function Redeemer College campus

WHAT'S TO DO: Socializing, various sporting activities, coffee kletzing, entertainment, fraternizing, barbecue, mingling, and the always popular Alumni Membership meeting.

WHO'LL BE THERE: All (or at least some) of your old friends and classmates, along with any additional family members that they have picked up along the way.

WHY: A great opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones, and to see how things change at your alma mater.

Plan now to attend the Third Annual Alumni Day at Redeemer College, to be held on Saturday, September 24 starting at 2:00 pm. The Alumni Board is planning a day of fun and fellowship, with plenty of opportunity to mingle with fellow alum. Watch for further information in the next issue of *Images*.

The Personal Touch

Casper (86) and Anita (86) VanGurp are currently residing at 11 Hamlet Crescent, Brampton, Ontario L6S 1X5. They gratefully announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Natasha Eve, born January 21, 1994. Casper and Anita thank the Lord for this gift of life.

Harry and Allison Schenk (Zomer '88) were blessed with a baby boy, Zachary, on February 27, 1993. After teaching 3 years at Community Christian School in Metcalfe, Allison is thoroughly enjoying staying at home with Zachary. Harry and Allison's address is: Box 882, Richmond, ON, K0A 2Z0.

Theo (88) and Margaret Hoekstra are presently living in the rural community of Neerlandia, Alberta where Theo is pastor of Emmanuel Reformed Church. They have three children: Darrell, Katrina and Rosanne. Life is very busy but they always have time for a friendly visit, so if you are ever in the area, feel free to call or drop in. Their address is: Box 230, Neerlandia, AB, T0G 1R0.

Ralph and Wendy Ens (Nieuwhof 90) were blessed with a baby girl, Amanda Jessica, on October 13, 1993.

Sue (Marko 90) and Jan Vander Stelt currently reside at 17 Eighth Avenue, Brantford, ON, N3S 1C1. They have one son, Kerri, and were blessed with a baby girl, Corine Katherine, born July 16, 1993. Jan presently works full-time for ITML while Sue has a part-time retail position.

Robert (90) and Cindy (Schregardus x90) Kooy were blessed with a healthy baby girl, Arianna Julia, on January 24, 1994. She is a little sister for Ryan, born June 23, 1992. Robert is currently completing his third year teaching at Toronto District Christian High School. Cindy is a happy stay-at-home mom.

Joyce Mellema (87) was united in marriage with Brad Williamson on December 21, 1991. They are currently living at 34424 Ferndale Avenue, R.R. #5 Mission, BC, V2V 5X4. Joyce and Brad were blessed with a baby girl, Hanna Michelle, on February 9, 1994. Joyce is presently working as an environmental consultant having completed a program in Natural Resource Management in the spring of 1992.

Robert and Annette Schreuders (Oosterhof x84) were blessed with the birth of a son, Michael Robert, on February 16, 1994, a brother for Stephanie. After her maternity leave, Annette hopes to return to her part-time position as a leader in a daycare centre. She would love to hear from the Redeemer pioneers of '82 and '83. Her address is: Kruiszwijn 3712, Den Helder, The Netherlands, 1788 PN.

David and Ingrid Reinsma (Pypker 88) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Nicole Heather, born December 28, 1993 and adored by her brother Sean. All are doing well. Their new address is: 732 Ascot Avenue, Oshawa, ON, L1G 1X2.

Congratulations to **Jim (89) and Shirley (Smid 88) Huinink** on the birth of their first child, Tess Hilena. All concerned are healthy and happy.

Coming Events

Ticket information is available through Redeemer College at (905) 648-2131.

May 28 - Commencement. The Class of 1994 goes out in style. Dr. John Redekop will speak on the topic "What Makes a College Christian?"

July 9 - Second Annual Alumni Choir Concert. Choral works by Handel, Rutter, Grotenhuis and Palestrina, Spirituals, and solos performed by Melanie Westerveld, Fred De Haan and Janna Wesselius. 8 p.m. Redeemer College Auditorium.

July 10 - Alumni Choir performance at First Christian Reformed Church, Hamilton. 8 p.m.

September 24 - Redeemer College Alumni Association annual meeting. See p. 5 for further details. ♦♦

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